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**ABSTRACT**

--A mechanically operable electrical device (102), comprising a transmitter electrode (302), a receiver electrode (312) and a moveable conductive element (201). The device is configured such that the conductive element is moveable to a first position remote from said electrodes such that the transmitter electrode is capacitance coupled to said receiver electrode, and the conductive element is moveable to a second position closer to the electrodes such that the capacitance coupling is reduced.--